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HOME GUARD RULES

Guards to be Known as Virginia State Volunteers to Serve During the Emergency.

Through Adjutant-General William Wilson Sale, Governor Stuart has issued instructions to the city and county officials regarding the organization of home guards in Virginia. Since all national guardsmen will be removed from the state on August 5, the work of forming companies of volunteers for emergency purposes will be rushed.

Congress has made an appropriation to supply arms to the home defense of the several states, but it has not yet been ascertained that these arms are immediately available and it is desirable that the men shall furnish their own arms for the present, and for this purpose, rifles and shotguns can be used. It is the expectation that a sufficient number of guns can be used by the owners, or borrowed from others, to meet the present requirements. Just as soon as the arms, to be supplied by the government, can be obtained, they will be issued to the volunteers.

The present demand for uniforms for the armies going into the field is so great that it is impossible to supply them to the volunteers, and there is no state fund available for the purpose of paying for them. Cities, towns, and counties, and the volunteers themselves must be relied upon to furnish these uniforms, for, while large quantities of them cannot be gotten from any one place, it is very probable that enough to supply a company may be found by the captains of these companies, if they will make an effort to do so. A description of the uniforms can be had by applying to the adjutant-general, at Richmond.

INVESTIGATE CANADIANS

Two Men Claiming to be Members of Royal Flying Corps Held in Roanoke Jail.

Roanoke, Va., July 31.—Frank Barber and L. F. Dean, claiming to be members of the British Royal Flying Corps, are being held in the local jail, charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses pending information from the Canadian government regarding their identity.

The young men arrived in the city several days ago wearing what they claimed to be the uniform of the British Flying Corps and driving a touring car with a Canadian license. They claimed to be detailed on a secret mission to Miami, Fla., where they expected to engage in instructing aviators.

Before leaving here Saturday Barber and Dean secured from a local hardware concern a bill of goods totaling \$150 for which orders on the United States government were given. They claimed to be under the direct command of a Canadian officer whose name they gave. Local authorities are endeavoring to secure information regarding them from Canadian officials.

TEACHER ELECTED

City School Board Last Night Chose W. W. Arbuckle Instructor in Mathematics and Military Tactics.

A called meeting of the City School Board was held last night. Eleven members were present.

W. W. Arbuckle, of Lewisburg, West Virginia, who had been an applicant for principal of the high school, appeared and held a conference with the board. He finally withdrew his application for the position of principal, and was chosen instructor in mathematics, and subjects in the high school also instructor in military tactics. A regular monthly meeting of the board will be held next Thursday when a principal will be selected as well as several teachers, who were elected recently having their positions.

REWARD

\$25 will be paid for information that will lead to the identification of the person who was tampered with the Franklin streets, Alexandria, causing a fire, July 1917.

PASSING OF LUNA PARK

Former Popular Resort Near Alexandria Will Be Sold at Public Auction in the Near Future.

As may be noted by reference to a notice appearing in another column of this paper, the Luna Park property, comprising buildings and nearly twenty acres of land, situated near Four Mile Run, in Alexandria county, is to be sold at auction. This, it will be remembered, is the noted amusement park opened up some years ago by the Washington Luna Park Company, which it was hoped would prove to be one of the most popular and profitable amusement enterprises in the vicinity of Washington. But as the old Scotch saying tells us, "the best laid plans of men and mice gang aft a-gley."

Luna Park took its rise ten or twelve years ago. The Ingersoll Amusement Company contracted to fit up the place as an amusement resort for Alexandria and Washington, and when it was thrown open to the public it contained most of the features to be found at resorts in the larger cities. The site selected was on the west side of the electric railway at Four-Mile Run, one of the uninviting places up to that time in the state of Virginia. In ante bellum days it was known as "Swallow Hill," in which a hermit lived for years, and was also known as "The Wild Man's Cave." A waste lock of the old Alexandria Canal was at this place. The surface of the country, however, was metamorphosed, and what had been a dismal and uninviting spot was soon ablaze with electric lights while within the enclosure a veritable "Vanity Fair" could be found, where a variety of amusements were conducted. Aerial swings, a roller coaster, a lagoon with a shuttle, moving pictures, dancing pavilion, Ferris wheel, refreshments rooms, etc., were among the attractions.

Trains left Alexandria and Washington at short intervals, and often the enclosure was densely packed with visitors from both cities. But Luna Park was a losing proposition from the first, the electric railway company realizing more profit from the enterprise than the amusement company which had fitted it up. After a brief career, the bulk of Washingtonians, who at first patronized the place, began to prefer their own nearby resorts and moonlight excursions to the attractions of Luna Park, and the place began to fall into decay. At first an admission fee of ten cents was charged, but subsequently the gates were opened free to all who might visit the place. The resort, however, continued to decline until a few years ago when it was closed.

A fire broke out in the park a short time ago, but it was extinguished before much damage resulted, although the destruction of all the frame buildings seemed inevitable when the conflagration broke out.

U. S. National Hymn

Baltimore, July 31.—That the French people have taken as kindly to the American national anthem as the Americans to the "Marseillaise" is shown by a postcard received here. It is from Major Hugh H. Young, who is with General Pershing in France.

On it is printed a translation in French of "The Star-Spangled Banner" with music.

Major Young had visited the Mesines battle field and was about to leave for the Verdun front when he mailed the card.

"Paying The Price."

"Paying the Price" is not the story of a revolutionist, but a thrilling love drama that deals with social life and political effort, in a very interesting manner, at the Richmond tonight.

As practically all of this picture was filmed in and around Washington, D. C., it is not hard to believe that the settings reproduced are surpassingly beautiful. The introduction of President Wilson, the inspiring scene of the departing fleet, the torpedo practice, the destruction of a massive vessel, and a gigantic explosion, provide sufficient thrills for the most daring.

Tell the readers of the Gazette what you want through a Gazette want ad. It will get results for you while you wait.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Miss Eutha Prantum is visiting friends in Easton, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Driefu, have returned from Norfolk where they spent the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mudd and children have left to spend about ten days in Westmoreland county.

Rev. Wm. J. Morton left today for Howison, Spottsylvania county, where he expects to spend a month's vacation.

Miss Maria Harman is spending the remainder of the summer at Rectortown, Va., and Masters Harman and Garnett Francis are visiting friends for a short while in that place. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harman and Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Francis motored to Rectortown over the week end.

The owner of an automobile was fined \$10 in the Police Court this morning for operating the machine without a license. Another man a Washingtonian, who was charged with a similar offense, stated he was compelled to use an auto in an emergency, as one of the horses generally attached to his bread wagon was sick. He was dismissed.

At a regular meeting of the Alexandria Trades Council held last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Thomas H. Nelson, president; J. W. Collins, vice president; T. R. Fones, recording secretary; F. W. Deaton, sr., secretary-treasurer; W. E. Bowles, conductor; and F. M. Silles, sentinel.

Catherine V. Mason, eighteen months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Mason, died yesterday afternoon at 4:29 o'clock at the home of her parents, 704 north Columbus street. Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the home and were conducted by the Rev. E. V. Regester, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church South.

GERMANS' CRAFTY RUSE

Plan to Sink American Transport Meets With Failure.

Baltimore, Md., July 31.—The relentless and unscrupulous piracy of the Germans, and some of their crafty ruses, by which they calculated to sink American transports and merchant vessels, were described yesterday by William H. Lynch, who was chief machinist's mate aboard one of the ships which took Pershing's men to France.

Fake S. O. S. calls, wireless appeals for immediate help issuing from the aeriels of German submarines, were intended to lure American ships to destruction, and according to Lynch, have been and still are the means of trapping merchant vessels. These calls, coming in the dead of night, cannot, he said, be taken too seriously by ship masters, who should be sure of a ship's identity before going to its aid.

Another diabolical scheme of the Germans was to scatter hundreds of innocent looking barrels in the barred zone. These objects, which were sighted in profusion by the Americans, proved on investigation to be very dangerous mines, capable of putting even an armored ship out of commission.

Died at Accotink Yesterday

Died, at her home in Accotink, Va., yesterday, July 30, at twelve o'clock, after a lingering illness, Mrs. G. H. Troth, nee Emma Virginia Ayres, aged 68 years. Mrs. Troth is survived by her husband, George H. Troth and daughter, Annie, of Accotink, a son, George Ayres Troth, of Round Hill, Va., and two brothers James and Daniel Ayres of Atchison, Kansas. The funeral services will be held from her late home in Accotink, tomorrow at 11 o'clock. (Prince William and Loudoun county papers are requested to copy.)

NOTICE

There will be a called communication of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. and A. M., Tuesday evening, July 31, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock for work. By order of the Worshipful Master,

A. G. UHLER, Secretary.

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Mrs. Mary W. Below, of Del Ray, who was operated upon yesterday morning at the Alexandria hospital by Dr. S. B. Moore, is reported to be in a very satisfactory condition and getting along as well as can be reasonably be expected.

The garden party to be held this evening for the benefit of the Red Cross, at the north west corner of Washington and Queen Streets promises to be a grand success. Every one should avail themselves of the opportunity of a pleasant evening on a cool lawn with plenty of cooling refreshments. In event of rain the tickets will be good for tomorrow evening.

Henry Williams, one of the oldest and most respected colored residents of this vicinity, passed away last night at the Freedmen's hospital in Washington. The deceased was about eighty-five years old and lived at Bailey's cross roads, a few miles outside of this city. For nearly fifty years he occupied a stand in the city market. The body will be brought to Demaine's undertaking chapel in this city and will then be taken to Bailey's cross roads for burial.

Alexandria was not the only hot place in the country yesterday. Exceptionally warm weather prevailed almost everywhere in the United States except in the State of Maine. Among the high temperatures recorded were 98 at Boston, 100 at Albany, N. Y., 104 in New York city, 98 in Chicago, 104 at Omaha, 106 at Concordia, Kansas, and 96 in the District of Columbia. According to the predictions the heated term is expected to continue for ten days longer. The weather today has been a continuation of that of yesterday. Three persons are reported to have been overcome with the heat in Washington since yesterday and this afternoon Washington papers say that 34 horses had dropped on the streets there up to noon today. All the large cities report deaths, as a result of the hot wave. Chicago having 19.

POLICE CHIEF CONVICTED

Indianapolis Election Frauds Send Six to Prison.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 31.—Mayor Joseph E. Bell, of Indianapolis, and twenty other men, some city employees and others political workers, filed demurrers to the indictment against them in the United States district court here yesterday when arraigned on charges of having conspired to commit election frauds in 1914. Arguments on the demurrers were set for today.

Four others of the men named in the indictment with Mayor Bell pleaded guilty and five pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Samuel V. Perrott, former chief of the Indianapolis police department, was sentenced to serve four years in the Federal prison at Atlanta and was fined \$1,000; Herman Adam, former city weights and measures inspector, to a term of two and one-half years, and four former members of the police department, convicted with them on an indictment charging election conspiracy, were sentenced to jail for six months.

The grand jury investigation and indictment of Mayor Bell followed the conviction of Perrott and Adam, who had been appointed by Mayor Bell.

Infantile Paralysis

Cumberland, Md., July 31.—Two new cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in this county. The infantile paralysis cases in this county number fourteen.

At Barton there have been no new cases, and the health officers believe they have the situation well under control.

Special Announcement Regarding the Summer School.

The summer session of school for 1917 will begin at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday, August 1, and will be conducted in the Lee school building by C. A. Burrus, of the City High School Faculty. Opportunity will be afforded to high school and grammar grade students to make up work in which they are deficient, as well as to take work for advanced standing. It is highly important that all students intending to take this work shall be on hand promptly at the above time and place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilcox left today for Manassas.

Miss C. M. Stribling has gone to Portland, Maine. She left the city this morning.

The Willard W. C. T. U. will meet in Trinity Methodist Church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cridlin have returned to their home in Richmond after visiting relatives in this city, Washington and Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeMoll, Miss Alice Groves, and Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and family have left on a yachting trip down the Potomac for the next few days.

Miss Agnes Murphy, who has been the guest of Miss Regina Fannon at her home in George Washington Park for the past week, has returned to her home in Strasburg, Va.

J. W. Radcliffe, who has been ticket agent at the Union Station, left Alexandria this morning for Richmond where he has accepted a position with Miller and Rhoades. Raymond Arnold will take his place at the ticket office here.

An open air concert will be given this evening at 8:30 by the Indian Guard band, at the corner of King and Washington streets. It is said that the band will give a series of concerts there, one each week, on Tuesday evenings, weather permitting.

Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson and family arrived home last evening from Peola Mills, Rappahannock county. They cut short their vacation and came back earlier than they expected owing to the prevalence of infantile paralysis in that section of the state, as many of the towns are being placed under quarantine regulations in order to prevent the spread of the disease. Fortunately there was no cases in the vicinity in which Dr. Jackson and family were stopping.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Bullet Enters One and Wounds Another at Camp Meade.

Baltimore, Md., July 30.—Skylarking with a loaded army rifle at Camp Meade, near Baltimore yesterday afternoon ended in the killing of T. Baldi, the seriously and probably fatal wounding of Charles Hochaus, jr., and the arrest of L. B. Fritsch, who is charged with the shooting. They are all members of Company I, Fifth Maryland regiment, and were sitting in front of the company tent awaiting the call for guard mount.

A question came up about the handling of the new Springfield army rifles, with which the regiment has just been furnished. Fritsch, who had his rifle across his knees, laughing, told his comrades he would show them. Fritsch loaded the rifle with cartridge from his belt and, believing he had the safety clutch thrown on the gun, he pulled the trigger.

The heavy bullet went through Baldi's head, killing him instantly, and then struck Hochaus below his knee passing through the leg, hand and lower part of his face.

Fritsch is under arrest pending investigation of the accident by Captain Munoz, commandant of the cantonment troops. The wounded soldier was taken to the army hospital in Washington.

WAGES INCREASED

Conductors and Motormen Have Pay Raised Fourth Time in Three Years.

The Washington-Virginia Railway Company announces the following increased wage scale for motormen and conductors:

Less than one year	26c per hour
Second year	27c per hour
Third year	28c per hour
Fourth and fifth year	29c per hour
Sixth and seventh year	30c per hour
Eighth, ninth, tenth year	31c per hour
Over ten years	32c per hour

This will become effective August 1st, 1917.

This is the fourth increase in wages since July 1, 1914, and the second time this year.

BIG SMASH ON TWO LINES

Haig, in Flanders, and Nivelle, in Champagne, Strike Successful Blows

London, July 31.—England and France signalized the beginning of the fourth year of the war today with a joint offensive on two fronts that swept forward in full success to first objectives.

In Flanders beyond the Messines-Wytschaete ridge, the British, assisted by the French troops on their left, brought to a climax the vast artillery preparation of the past week by a concerted mass attack.

On the Chemin des Dames, Paris reported a sudden offensive in the Chevreigny sector which smashed ahead to German positions on a front of more than a mile.

Field Marshal Haig did not mention the exact extent of the British French offensive front in Belgium, but gave its lowermost point as "north of the river Lys."

Front dispatches indicated that fighting is continuing fiercely.

RICHMOND MAN MISSING

Emile Gibbs Not Seen After He Checks Package at Ocean View Bathhouse.

Norfolk, Va., July 31.—Emile Gibbs, 3207 Marshall Street Richmond, whose clothing was left Sunday in a locker in the Ocean View bathhouse, was still missing at a late hour last night. Young Gibbs has not been seen or heard from by the bathhouse attendants since he checked a package at the office Sunday afternoon, obtained a key and went to his locker to exchange his clothes for a bathing suit. While the first conclusion reached was that he had been drowned, Otto Wells, general manager of the Ocean View Company, gave orders to make thorough search of the beach and neighborhood cottages in the hope that he might have gone to sleep on the sand or had gone to a near-by cottage with friends. No trace was found and Mr. Wells sent a telegram to 5307 East Marshall Street, Richmond, the address Gibbs gave when he checked his package, which he said was of considerable value to him. His uncle will be down today.

SHOT DOWN AT HIS DOOR

Police Believe Roadhouse Proprietor Victim of Grudge.

Paterson, N. J., July 31.—Two well-dressed young men rapped on the door of the Midland Park Halfway House, between Midland Park and Paterson, early Sunday, just as Wallace Mooney, the proprietor was counting his Saturday night receipt. He opened the door and turned his back to get some birch beer they had ordered, when three shots were fired. Mooney dropped to the floor. The strangers fled without taking the money.

At the General Hospital it was said that Mooney had but a small chance to live. Two of the bullets had penetrated his stomach. He said that he had never seen the men before, and was too weak to give a description of them to the police.

The police discredited the story that the two men entered the roadhouse with any intention to rob the proprietor, but take more keenly to the belief that the shooting was the result of an old grudge between the men and Mooney. The housekeeper at the roadhouse, the police say, told them that she heard Mooney say to the men: "I know you and I'll get you yet."

CHOSEN CITY MANAGER

Richmond Man Will Introduce New Methods in Portsmouth.

William B. Bates, of Richmond, has been made city manager of the city of Portsmouth under the new charter adopted by that city on recommendation by the civic survey recently made there. Mr. Bates will take up his duties in his new office tomorrow. He is at present a resident of Richmond, having returned from Roanoke, where he was formerly city engineer and later in business.

NOTICE

This is to give notice that I will not be responsible for any bills incurred by my wife, Alma Riker, on and after this date, July 28, 1917.

179-3t GEORGE ALFRED RIKER.

MR. BALFOUR'S SPEECH

Remarks of British Foreign Secretary Deemed Bid for Austrian Peace—Hunger Pressing.

Austria can have a separate peace of most advantageous terms. That was the construction today placed on the remarkable declarations made to the House of Commons yesterday by Arthur James Balfour, England's foreign secretary.

His frank statement that the "Jungeslav and Austrian question must wait until the war's end for settlement" was construed here as indicating that if Austria should show a disposition to desert Germany her lot would be made very easy by the entente.

Whether Austria will take advantage of the suggestions made, no official in Washington today cared to hazard a guess. At present Austrian policies are dominated from Berlin. But there is little doubt that hunger is pressing heavily on the population of Hungary, and that a well-defined peace sentiment is constantly increasing everywhere in the dual empire. The report from Rome that the Pope has declined to attempt mediation on behalf of Austria adds to the belief here that the war party in Austria is losing its grip on the government.

EXPLOSION BEHEADS MAN

Soda Water Tank Bursts While Shop-keeper Carries it to Rear Kitchen

Philadelphia, July 31.—One man was decapitated and four others were seriously injured Sunday night when a soda water tank exploded in a kitchen in the rear of a confectionery store at No. 2235 South American street. The force of the explosion tore a hole through the roof of the kitchen, smashed windows in all sections of the building and in nearby houses and created a near-riot in the neighborhood when hundreds of persons flocked to the scene following a report that a bomb had been hurled into the store.

The dead man was Michael Kendall, 45 years old, proprietor of the establishment.

HIT BY LIGHTNING BOLT

Woman Struck Fairly on Head—Not Seriously Hurt.

Towanda, Pa., July 31.—A ball of lightning coming through the open door of her home, struck Mrs. Ivan Gillette in the back of the head, burst and scattered over the floor. Mrs. Gillette was rendered unconscious, but was not seriously injured. Her husband, standing close by, was shocked, but not hurt. The house was not damaged in the least. Mr. Gillette said the lightning bolt looked like a ball from a skyrocket, until it came in contact with his wife's head. That she lives is regarded as a miracle.

AIR RAIDS CAUSE 366 DEATHS

London July 31.—Since the beginning of hostilities 366 persons have been killed and 1,092 injured by air raids in the London metropolitan area, according to a statement made by Sir George Cave, the Home Secretary, in the House of Commons today.

During the same period, the secretary noted, 2,412 persons were killed and 7,863 injured in ordinary street accidents in the same territory.

Sale at Bendheim's

The semi-annual sale of dress goods which started this morning at Bendheim's is an event which thrifty women should not overlook, as the entire stock of this progressive dry goods house will be included, every dress, suit, coat, skirt, shirt waist. In fact, if there is anything needed in the way of Summer dress goods, now is the time to get it and save many dollars.

For instance, one odd lot of ladies' suits, values up to \$19.50, are being sacrificed at \$8.95. (This item, through an error in their advertisement yesterday, was given as values up to \$1.50 when it should have been \$19.50.) Owing to the extremely low prices at which the goods are sold, a charge for alterations is made and no garments are sent out on memorandum. All of the goods offered in this sale should be seen to be appreciated as the prices quoted do not indicate their real value.

Soft shelled crabs on toast at Rammel's Cafe, 15 cents.